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SUBJ: NEW ROMANIAN PROTOCOL RULES

1. DURING APRIL 3 POLADS, BELGIAN REP (CZETWERLYNSKI), ON INSTRUCTIONS, REQUESTED ALLIES' VIEWS ON HOW NATO AMBASSADORS IN BUCHAREST SHOULD RESPOND TO ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PROTOCOL REQUIRING FOREIGN DIPLOMATS ATTENDING CEREMONIES AT WHICH PRESIDENT IS SPEAKING TO STAND WHEN THE AUDIENCE STANDS TO APPLAUD VARIOUS PORTIONS OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. ACCORDING TO BELGIAN REP, NATO AMBASSADORS IN BUCHAREST DISLIKE THIS RULE, BUT FAVOR UNIFORMITY IN CONDUCT OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS. ISSUE WAS APPARENTLY FIRST RAISED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO; HOWEVER, DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AT THAT TIME PROTESTED TO GOR. FACT THAT CZECH AMBASSADOR, WHO SUPPORTS RULE, IS THE NEW DEAN, RAISES ISSUE AGAIN.

2. FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID HE UNDERSTOOD NATO AMBASSADORS IN BUCHAREST AGAIN MET RECENTLY, BUT COULD NOT AGREE ON RESPONSE. THEY REPORTEDLY LEFT IT TO INDIVIDUAL AMBASSADORS TO FOLLOW ON INCLINATIONS IN THIS MATTER. ALL POLADS WHO SPOKE THOUGHT IT BEST TO DISCUSS MATTER IN BUCHAREST RATHER THAN AT POLADS IN BRUSSELS.

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3. FOR DEPARTMENT: MISSION AGREES THAT THIS ISSUE IS BEST LEFT TO NATO AMBASSADORS IN BUCHAREST. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON RESPONSE TO BELGIAN REQUEST PRIOR TO NEXT SESSION OF POLADS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 11.

4. FOR BUCHAREST: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON WHERE THIS
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